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In re Application of:)

Takao SAWABE et al.)

Application No.: 09/900,152)

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APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
INFORMATION REPRODUCING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
COMPUTER DATA SIGNAL EMBODIED)
IN A CARRIER WAVE)

Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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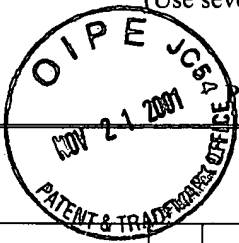
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